

OUR NASHVILLE LETTER.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 30th, 1870.
This is decoration day. Many will go to the National Cemetery on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, to strew flowers on the graves of those who lie there, far from the graves of their kindred. The Legislature have adjourned, and on motion of Ex-Gov. Brown, the Circuit Court adjourned over till Tuesday, to afford those who wished an opportunity to participate in the ceremonies. Trains will be run to and from the cemetery, and the fare is cheap, enabling all who wish, to go.

Legislation during the past week has been largely of the investigating genus. Reports have been received from several committees, and more are to come.

The report on the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad excites comment, and it would not surprise me much if laws were passed to compel reluctant witnesses to disclose. The reluctance of one Railroad President has excited the ire of the law makers, and do not be astonished if some plan be invented that will completely eclipse the rack, thumb-screws, iron boot and water test of inquisitorial days, so vividly described in that horribly truthful work edited by one Fox. If reports continue to come in like the one referred to, and it is shown that no good use has been made of the money arising from the sales of State bonds, it is presumed by the knowing ones here that there will be some sealing done, with a view ostensibly to protect the State, but really to help a corner, and enable railroads to pay their debts to the State cheaply. We shall see.

The latest sensation here that excites talk is that meek and lowly follower of fallen fortune, Rutter. He has been here selling information to ruin the radical party, and the article he furnishes is of very poor quality. Aside from this, he shows the usual fate of those who try to thrive by the trade of informer. He has been a trifle too swift in his efforts to make himself useful and acceptable to the powers that be. It is gravely hinted that, having exhausted and misused the few facts he might have had against sundry persons, he now falls back on a reserve that belongs to all rascals, who are such by their own confession, to-wit: lying. Take Rutter upon his own sworn statement, and he is unworthy of credit by decent, honorable men. He talks freely, and will cheerfully give the result of his experience to such as interview him. He thinks he only made one mistake in this whole matter, and that was, as he states it, "I should have stole the party and State so poor that they could not afford to prosecute." Our lamented friend, Artemus Ward, would have graded Rutter as a truly "penitential case;" he's so sorry, only he ain't. But this splendid specimen of true grit is about to try another dodge to keep himself before the public. The *Banner* announces that G. R. Rutter will soon issue the first number of a quarterly publication, in which he will do his level best to convince the world that he is a greater rascal than his sworn statements show. He promises to disclose much to the discomfiture of "radicals and reconstructionists," and promises to bring all his talents and industry to the dirty work. We give him the benefit of this notice cheerfully, as it is the duty of the press to assist self-convicted criminals in holding themselves and their dirty work up before the world as a warning. We would suggest that the forthcoming work of this great exponent of rascality be placed in the Sunday School libraries throughout the land to enable the youth of the country to see how meanly a man may talk of himself.

There is no limit to the new bills being introduced in both Houses, a large number of local and many of general interest that need watching and sifting. Look at the bill to exempt \$5,000 of personal property from taxation. The poor man, if he is worth that much money, puts it into a house and lot or home. It is the rich who have plate treasures, jewelry, carriages, &c., all of which come under the head of personal property. This bill is a nice thing for rich men, but poor folks won't see it, and it will pass without amendment. We shall see the taxable property of the State reduced some millions, and not one cent of the reduction for the benefit of poor people, but solely for the benefit of that class who can afford to indulge in expensive luxuries.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company failed to get through a neat bill to enable that corporation to issue bonds and mortgages. The House, by a decided vote, rejected the thing. The people are beginning to see the end of that scheme begun by Guthrie, and carried out by his successors. A line from Louisville to the Gulf, with branches in every direction controlled by Louisville, might, in time, build up that city, and make some families there very rich, but it would not do much for Nashville or other points that want a small chance in the game.

Resolution directing Attorney General to commence a suit against Arnell, to compel him to give up the money belonging to the School Fund, was introduced by Mr. Hinkle. Well, Samuel may submit to the "proceeding," but as to "giving up" anything, we don't see it. "Anybody can lead a horse to water, but who can make him drink." This old Spanish proverb will recur, when this sort of legislation is being done. There is strong probability that Samuel will "give up" when Joseph A. M. tells the rest of that little story the Investigating Committee are so anxious to hear.

The bill for dismissal of indictments against soldiers, for offences committed during the war, is slightly ambiguous, but we are left to infer that the bill contemplates both sides of the question, and fair play is intended, at least we hope so.

A vast number of bills to protect game and fish, have been introduced, all with the intent to keep the mud-sill and poor darkey off the lands and out of the streams of the rich land owner. Hunting and fishing are aristocratic pleasures. That right belongs to the rich, and the poor have no business to indulge in such luxuries, hence all this legislation, and the trespass law of last session. The high roads are the places for the poor, they are not to cross a rich man's farm only as laborers. Well, all we can say, is, a few more laws of this kind in the Code, and we shall have emigrants by the million pouring into Tennessee—over the left.

An intelligent German told us yesterday, that there was enough in the Code of this State to keep people out, who were looking for a free and equal government, and who despised those purple attempts to imitate aristocratic Europe. If Tennessee wants immigration, let her make her Code like that of Missouri or Iowa, and they will come by tens of thousands.

Gossip enough for this time.

(COMMUNICATED.)
Political.

The Conservatives of the seventh Congressional District of North Carolina have nominated Plato Durham, Esq., for Congress. Durham was defeated in 1868 by the present incumbent, Hon. A. H. Jones. He is a bitter, uncompromising rebel, and while in the Legislature last year, clearly defined his position on this point by attacking the character of the National and State administrations and the judiciary, terming every department of the Government rotten and corrupt. His political record will damn him before the people, and the Republicans are confident of his defeat. While the "bill for the protection of life and property" in North Carolina, known as the militia bill, was before the Legislature in 1869, Durham advised revolution, and called upon the people to rise in their might and resist the law.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

RESOLUTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, June 1.—The Senate joint resolution directory to the Joint Judiciary Committee for redistricting the State, recommending the establishing of Circuit Courts in each county, was rejected.

Senate joint resolution, directory to the Redistricting Committee as to the establishment of Criminal Courts in such counties as may be willing to pay the additional expense incurred, adopted. Mr. Etheridge entered a motion to reconsider.

HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING.

To preserve life and protect property, by providing additional restraints upon the sale of poisonous drugs. Amended, so as not to apply to the prescriptions of regular physicians of medicine, and passed.

SENATE BILL ON THIRD READING.

To prevent the credit of the State being loaned or given to any person, corporation or association. Recommended to the Judiciary Committee.

To purchase of Soule, Thomas & Winsor, full sets of Judicial reports of Tennessee, now out in print. Passed, 13 to 5.

HOUSE.

NEW BUSINESS.

By Mr. Glenn—Bill for the protection of Sheriffs and Constables in serving subpoenas, etc. Passed.

By Mr. Scott—Bill to change the line between the counties of Morgan and Scott. Passed.

By Mr. Scott—Bill to authorize the transfer of suits in Roane county. Passed.

By Mr. Russell, of Hickman—Bill to give the County Courts concurrent jurisdiction with Circuit Courts, in cases of petit larceny. Passed.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Russell, of Rutherford and Bedford, rose to a question of privilege, and stated that in introducing the resolution the day previous, relative to the implication of the Hon. Thomas B. McElwee, in the school fund fraud, that he did not wish to be understood as charging that Mr. McElwee was guilty, but upon the contrary, that upon inquiry into the matter, he was fully satisfied of Mr. McElwee's innocence, and desired to have that gentleman placed correctly on the records.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING.

To change the line between Claiborne and Campbell counties. Passed.

To establish the county of Clay. Passed.

General Mabry as a State Director.

In the list of nominations for State Directors of the Knoxville and Kentucky railroad, submitted by the Governor, last Tuesday, for the approval of the Senate, appeared the name of General Joseph A. Mabry, of Knoxville. On the following day all of these nominations were confirmed, in executive session, save that of the gentleman mentioned. It was generally intimated in well-informed Legislative circles that action had been deferred until after the Railroad Investigating Committee should have made their report with regard to the management of the Knoxville and Kentucky railroad, of which General Mabry has been President, with one brief interval, for several years. The report in question was laid before both Houses yesterday, and a synopsis of it is printed in this morning's issue. Certainly no fair-minded, honest man can do otherwise than command the Senate for its course in this somewhat delicate matter. General Mabry was so prominently identified with the policy which led to the political regeneration of Tennessee last August, that he was regarded as having claims of more than ordinary weight upon the sympathy and recognition of the Conservative masses. But the Senate had to deal with facts alone—hard, stubborn facts, which could not, in justice either to that body or to the tax-paying constituents who had elected them, be ignored or palliated. Should partisan or personal considerations suggest the inquiry why the Senate made an exception in the case of General Mabry, let the concluding portion of the report stand as their justification. In view of the revelations thus made, the proper course to be pursued with regard to his nomination can no longer be a matter of doubt. Unless the Governor should withdraw his name, its rejection appears inevitable.

REPORTED EXTENSIVE FORGERIES IN SAVANNAH.—The fact that Epstein & Einstein have been, for some time, raising large sums of money by means of forged documents, was accidentally disclosed yesterday morning. It appears that the names of Meinhard Brothers & Co. have been forged to the amount of about \$17,000, that of Blum & Meyer to the amount of some \$5,000, George Gemenaden for some \$7,000 or \$8,000, and A. A. Solomons for \$4,000.

When the discovery was made a warrant, charging Epstein & Einstein with the offense of forging the endorsement of Meinhard Brothers & Co. upon a note for \$3,000, was issued by Justice Wade, upon which Mr. Einstein was arrested and gave bonds for his appearance for trial at the next term of the City Court, but Epstein could not be found. Upon the arrest of Epstein it transpired that he was not the partner of Epstein, but that his son, who resides in New York, was his partner, whereupon eight attachments, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$25,794, were issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff Dooner, who proceeded forthwith to take possession of their dry-goods store on Congress street.

We are also told that Mr. Epstein borrowed \$300 from Mr. Gemenaden, \$300 from A. A. Solomons, and \$300 from Mr. G. I. Taggart on Monday.

We learn that the Merchants' National Bank of Savannah is the heaviest sufferer by these forgeries, but their are other victims whose names we could not learn.—*Savannah Republican*, May 25th.

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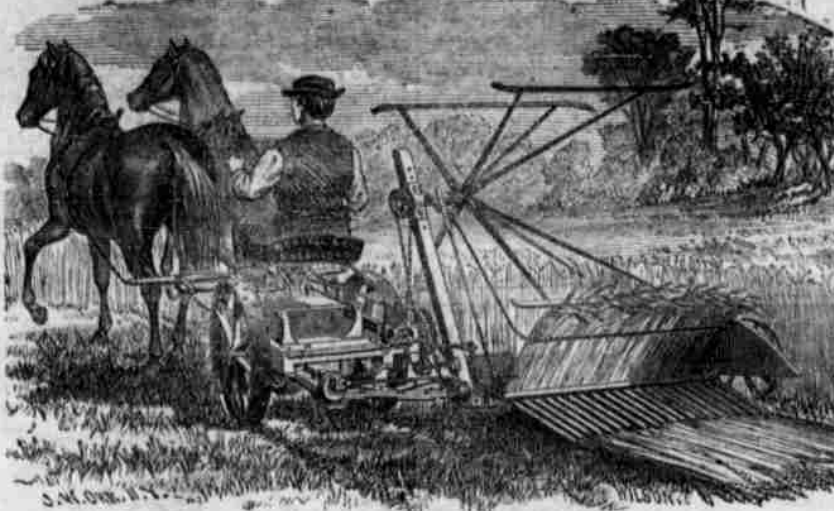
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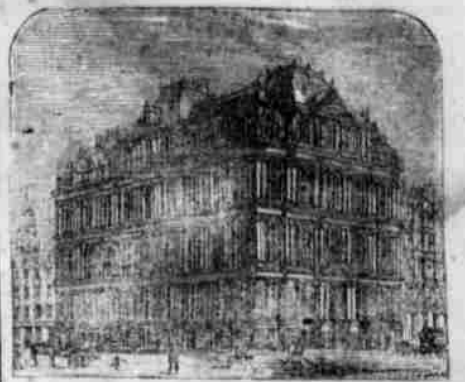
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